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Fulbright Program

The Fulbright Program, the U.S. Government's flagship international exchange program, is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries. It promotes leadership development through learning and international cooperation. The Fulbright Program is an important element of our country's bilateral relationships in which the U.S. and foreign governments jointly set priorities. In addition to an annual Congressional appropriation, partner governments, corporations, foundations, and academic institutions provide direct and indirect support.

The Fulbright Program operates in more than 150 countries worldwide and has provided approximately 279,500 participants – chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential – with the opportunity to study, teach or conduct research in each others' countries and exchange ideas. Approximately 6,000 grants are awarded annually.

The Program was established by Congress in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late-Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. It is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, which works with private non-profit organizations in the United States and with U.S. embassies and binational Fulbright Commissions abroad to administer the Program. Policy guidelines are established by the Presidentially-appointed J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, which also selects the recipients of Fulbright awards.

Grant Categories and Programs

The **Fulbright U.S. Student Program** offers fellowships for U.S. graduating college seniors, graduate students, young professionals and artists to study abroad for one academic year. The Program also includes an important *English Teaching Assistant* component.

The **Fulbright Foreign Student Program** enables graduate students, young professionals and artists from abroad to conduct research and study in the United States. Some scholarships are renewed after the initial year of study.



FULBRIGHT SNAPSHOT

- Approximately 1,400 U.S. students and 2,600 foreign students receive Fulbright scholarships each year.
- Approximately 1,100 U.S. Fulbright scholars and 750 visiting Fulbright scholars receive awards annually.
- Fulbright alumni serve in leadership positions in government, academia, business, the arts, science, media, and other professional fields. Fulbright alumni are the recipients of 37 Nobel Prizes, 65 Pulitzer Prizes, 23 MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Awards, and 15 U.S. Presidential Medals of Freedom.
- The Critical Language Enhancement Award offers Fulbright U.S. students intensive in-country language training for up to 6 months before the start of their grants.

The **Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program** provides opportunities for young English teachers from overseas to refine their teaching skills and broaden their knowledge of American culture and society while strengthening the instruction of foreign languages at colleges and universities in the United States.

The **International Fulbright Science and Technology Award** is a new, internationally competed award for for doctoral study at leading U.S. institutions in science, technology and engineering.

The **Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program** sends American scholars abroad to lecture and/or conduct research for up to a year.

The **Fulbright Senior Specialists Program** sends U.S. faculty and professionals to serve as expert consultants on curriculum, faculty development, institutional planning, and related subjects at overseas academic institutions for a period of 2 to 6 weeks.

The **Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program and Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program** bring foreign scholars to lecture and/or conduct post-doctoral research for up to a year at U.S. colleges and universities.

The **Fulbright New Century Scholar Program** is a forum for international, interdisciplinary collaboration among the world's outstanding research scholars and professionals.

The **Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program** supports one-on-one exchanges of teachers from K-12 schools and a small number of post-secondary institutions.

The **Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program** brings outstanding mid-career professionals from the developing world and societies in transition to the U.S. for one-year. Fellows participate in a non-degree program of academic study and gain professional experience.

Educational and Cultural Programs

Fulbright Program participants are among the more than 40,000 academic and professional exchange program participants overseen annually by the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Other Bureau programs include the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program and the International Visitor Leadership Program.